



July 9, 2014

Item No. 2

**AUTHORIZATION TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH HOUSING CHOICE PARTNERS OF ILLINOIS  
TO PROVIDE CHA's MOBILITY COUNSELING PROGRAM**

**To the Honorable Board of Commissioners:**

**RECOMMENDATION**

It is recommended that the Board of Commissioners ("Board") authorize the Chief Executive Officer or his designee to enter into a contract with Housing Choice Partners of Illinois ("HCP"), in an amount not-to-exceed \$2,945,263 for a two-year base term with three one-year option periods to provide CHA's Mobility Counseling Program for eligible families move to Opportunity Areas.

The Deputy Chief Housing Officer of Resident Services, the Office of the General Counsel and the Department of Procurement and Contracts have completed all necessary due diligence to support the submission of this initiative and recommend the approval of this item accordingly.

**CORPORATE GOAL**

The Mobility Program supports CHA's corporate goal of empowering individuals for success in the global economy while providing targeted services to residents at critical milestones in their lives, while living in a safe, decent and sustainable housing portfolio.

**FUNDING**

CHA General Fund

**SOLICITATION SUMMARY**

**Vendor:**

Housing Choice Partners of Illinois  
401 South LaSalle – Suite 1101  
Chicago, Illinois 60605

**Contract Type:** Professional Services  
**Base Contract Amount:** \$2,945,263  
**Base Contract Period:** Two-Year Base Term  
**Option Period:** 3 One-Year Options  
**Publication(s):** Chicago Sun Times, Chicago Defender, Extra, BuySpeed, CHA website  
**No. of Vendors Solicited:** 111  
**Number of Pick-Ups:** 34

**Solicitation Release Date:** 4/9/2014  
**Dates Advertised:** 4/9, 10, 11/2014  
**Addendum:** N/A  
**Pre-Bid/Proposal Date:** 4/16/2014  
**Solicitation Due Date:** 5/13/2014  
**Notification to Assist Agencies:** 71  
**Respondents:** 3

## **COMPLIANCE INFORMATION**

<b>M/W/DBE Participation</b>	<b>Section 3 Hiring</b>	<b>Section 3 Subcontracting or Other Economic Opportunities</b>
1.58% Indirect (partial waiver approved)	4 New Hires - 50% of New Hires	Section 3 Contracting – 100% HCP is a Section 3 Business Concern

## **GENERAL BACKGROUND**

CHA's Resident Services Division is charged with helping families maximize their potential, move toward economic independence and creating strong, healthy communities. The Mobility Program's goals align with this mission by de-concentrating subsidized units and encouraging families to move to Opportunity Areas<sup>1</sup>.

Research demonstrates<sup>2</sup> that living in an Opportunity Area benefits the family as a whole. Adults in the household gain access to wider and more stable employment networks, which ultimately increases their earning power. Youth have access to better performing community schools strengthening and developing their personal academic achievement. The family as a whole has access to stronger community resources, exposures to safer, more socially economic diverse communities resulting in increased housing stability and retention in Opportunity Areas.

In 2014, the Mobility Program will have a specific, targeted emphasis on families with school-age children. HCP will provide counseling workshops for Mobility Program participants that address topics such as identifying the appropriate housing options, school choice for youth, and analyzing communities (e.g. resources, crime statistics, transportation, and employment opportunities, etc.), while addressing the fears and hesitations that participants may feel from relocating to a new community. HCP will assist participants in identifying appropriate units (e.g. unit and community tours) and help facilitate the process of completing and submitting all required documentation to CHA's HCV department. HCP will provide follow-up support in the months and year(s) after they make the move to an Opportunity Area. It is anticipated that a minimum of 400 families will move to an Opportunity Area each year (800 during the base term) as a result of Mobility Services.

The Board action recommended in this item complies in all material respects with all applicable Chicago Housing Authority Board policies and all applicable federal (HUD) procurement laws.

The Deputy Chief Housing Officer of Resident Services concurs with the recommendation to enter into a contract with HCP to provide the Mobility Counseling Program.

The CEO/President recommends the Board authorize entering into a contract with HCP in an amount not-to-exceed \$2,945,263 for a two-year base term with three one-year option periods (subject to future Board authorization) to provide the Mobility Counseling Program.

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<sup>1</sup> CHA's current definition of an Opportunity Area is a community that has no more than 20% of individuals below the poverty level and no more than 5% of the housing stock are subsidized units.

<sup>2</sup> Scott, M. et al., *Expanding Choice: Practical Strategies for Building a Successful Housing Mobility Program*, Poverty & Race Research Action Council, <http://www.prrac.org/pdf/ExpandingChoice.pdf> (February 2013).

**RESOLUTION NO. 2014-CHA-68**

**WHEREAS,** the Board of Commissioners has reviewed the Board Letter dated July 9, 2014 entitled "AUTHORIZATION TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH HOUSING CHOICE PARTNERS OF ILLINOIS TO PROVIDE CHA'S MOBILITY COUNSELING PROGRAM";

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CHICAGO HOUSING AUTHORITY**

**THAT** the Board of Commissioners authorizes the Chief Executive Officer or his designee to enter into a contract with Housing Choice Partners of Illinois in an amount not-to-exceed \$2,954,263 for a two-year base term with three one-year option periods to provide the Mobility Counseling Program.

This award is subject to the Contractor's compliance with the CHA's MBE/WBE/DBE, Section 3 and insurance requirements.



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